Departmental execution of Public Works.

233. Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) the names of the Public Works executed departmentally subsequent to the period covered by the list given in answer to question No. 18 of the Budget Session of 1102;

(2) the amount of estimate for each of such works and the actual cost of the same?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—(1) Dredging a channel through the shallow portions of the backwater for the water barge.

(2) Reconstructing Balikkapura of Trippunittura Temple.

(3) Constructing sluices for the branch channels of the Chittur Irrigation system.

	Estimate amount.	*Expenditure till the end of 1103.*	
(1)	Rs. 2,500	Rs. 2,155-15-5	Work in progress.
(2)	Rs. 18,350	Rs. 6,910-15-9	do
(3)	Rs. 500.	Rs. 113- 6-4	do

Water supply to Trichur.

234. Mr. V. V. Anantapadmanabha Ayyar.—Is the Government aware of the extreme water scarcity in Trichur Town for the last four or five years; has the Government considered any scheme to remedy this evil?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—Yes.

Mr. V. V. Anantapadmanabha Ayyar.—May I know what is the scheme under the consideration of the Government?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—We are now trying to supply water to Trichur by means of wells.

Mr. V. V. Anantapadmanabha Ayyar.—By means of sinking wells in the various parts of the Town?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—Either in the Town or just outside it.

President.—Certain sources have been discovered at Peringavu near Trichur and there it is expected that a large quantity of water will be available which would be sufficient to supply the needs of the Town. Experiments are being made as to the exact quantity of water which will be available there. May I know whether the deepening of the well has begun and whether you find that water is rushing from all sides of the well?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—Yes; the deepening of the well has been begun and we find that we can get 5,000 gallons of water per hour now. We cannot say definitely at

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present whether there will be plenty of water to supply the needs of the Trichur Town.

President.—I have not as yet seen the site. Will you please show me the site when next I come to Trichur?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—Yes.

Mr. V. V. Anantapadmanabha Ayyar.—Can the Government say whether they would supply water to Trichur this summer itself?

President.—It is hoped that there would be ample supply of water from this source itself, and the idea is to have the supply of water ready by the 1st of Meenam.

Mr. V. V. Anantapadmanabha Ayyar.—Do the Government think of introducing pipe system?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—Yes.

President.—But the idea is that there will be a reservoir in the Tekkinkad Maidan where water will be stored and sent down to the Town by gravitation.

235. Mr. C. Barton Wright.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether it has received a memorial from the public of Trichur praying for the immediate introduction of a scheme of water supply in the Municipal areas, and

(b) what action has been taken thereon?

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—(a) Yes.

(b) A copy of the Diwan's Proceedings issued on the subject is appended. (*Vide Appendix I.*)

Petition regarding interception of tobacco.

236. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether the Government received a petition dated 6th Meenam 1103 from Chemmanur Aypu Tharu, a licensee of A class shop stating that a licensee of a B class tobacco shop in Mundur intercepted the B class licensee of Peringandur who had purchased tobacco from the petitioner and carried away the tobacco and pass issued to him by the petitioner;

(b) whether any enquiry has been conducted with reference to this petition, and if so, when and by whom and what is its result;

(c) whether it was brought to the attention of the Excise Superintendent that the B class licensee of Avanur who purchased tobacco from the above petitioner on 8th Makaram 1103 was intercepted on his way and whether the petitioner was asked to seek redress in a court of law and following it, whether sanction to prosecute the alleged offenders including the aminadar and salt peon was applied for;

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